Bank, Allahabad Bank is paying rent since its initial occupancy in 1950 @ Rs. 423.49 p.m. for its Branch Office utilising 3000 Sq. feet area in Scindia House Building in New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have issued any fresh guidelines to the banks and to insurance companies occupying private buildings for periodical enhancement of rent as and when it falls due; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Allahabad Bank has reported that it had hired office premises for its Scindia House Branch in 1940 and the monthly rent is Rs. 423.49.

(c) Government have not issued any guidelines in this regard to public sector banks. Banks do consider enhancement in rents as per the terms and conditions of the lease agreements. Guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India provide that banks should exercise their tenancy rights as lessee and seek fixation of a standard rents by concerned authorities.

Payment of Diamond Jubilee bonus for the employees of State Bank of Indore

3501. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not making payment of "Diamond Jubilee Bonus" so far by the Board of Directors to the employees of the State Bank of Indore;

(b) whether Diamond Jubilee Bonus is likely to be paid in the near future; and

(c) if so, by when the employees are likely to receive the bonus?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) State Bank of Indore has reported that as per the Bonus Act, the available surplus for 1979 (Diamond Jubilee Year) showed negative figures and therefore the minimum Bonus as per Act was paid.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Do not arise.

Frauds in the State Bank of Indore

3502. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has completed inquiry ordered by the Ministry into fraud cases in two branches of State Bank of Indore, in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the official found guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Corruption in the State Bank of Indore

3503. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received about corruption cases in the branches of Delhi and New Delhi of the State Bank of Indore till date;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard; and

(c) if so, what is the number of cases of corruption which have come to light till date and the number of officers and employees found guilty and the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) State Bank of Indore has reported that one complaint against as officer of its Green Park (New Delhi) Branch and two complaints against an ex-officer of its Connaught Circus (New Delhi) Branch have been received by it recently. The Bank has further reported that it is conducting investigations into these complaints and the details of officers|employees found involved|guilty will be known only after the investigations have been completed.

Raids conducted by CBI at the residential premises of officers of State Bank of Indore

3504. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that officials had conducted raids during 1981 to March 1984 at the residential premises of senior officers of the State Bank of Indore at Indore and Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of incriminating documents seized by the CBI; and

(d) what action has been taken against the officers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and, to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decline in tea-export to United States

3505. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian tea exports to the United States have fallen in the first quarter of current financial year considerably; if so, the quantum of fall and the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether there has been any decline in tea exports to U. S. during last one year, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir,

(b) As per the figures of shipment licences issued by Tea Board, our exports of tea to USA during 1987-88 was 1085 tonnes less as compared to during 1986-87. The main reasons for this decline is the overall decline in import of tea by U.S.A. during 1987 to the extent of more than 10 million kg. as compared to 1986.

Terrorists bid to obtain Chinese Arms

3506. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any reports that top sikh terrorist leaders staying in Pakistan have developed contacts wiih Chinese officials to help them in supply of fresh consignment of arms;

(b) whether the same is also corroborated by contents of a letter written by Wassam Singh Zaffarwal to Sukhdeo Singh Jhamke and intercepted by security agencies in Punjab; and

(c) whether there have been meetings recently between Zaffarwal and undercover Chinese officers in this connection?